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SUBJECT Crime Against Naming Covert

PAT MCMURRAY: The President went to CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia for the first time today. He signed a bill that would make it a crime to name a covert agent. The President spoke to about 1500 employees out on the agency lawn.

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN: I've come here today to say to you what the vast majority of Americans would say if they had this opportunity to stand here before you. We're grateful to you. We thank you. We're proud of you.

MCMURRAY: Mr. Reagan met separately with the undercover agents. Reporters were not allowed at that meeting.

The bill the President signed today would punish anyone who disclosed the name of a secret agent with up to ten years in prison or a \$50,000 fine.

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